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**ANTI-LTNF FOR IN VITRO ASSAY
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above identified patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly move the paragraph reading:

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"The results of table 6 show that the detection level or the binding of *C. atrox* venom was 3.7 μ g in normal rabbit serum but dropped to 1.2 μ g in presence of homologous rabbit anti *C. atrox* serum. Thus, showing the difference of 2.5, which is the neutralizing index for this antiserum. The venom neutralized by the specific anti venom is not detected by anti-LTNF. The neutralizing index depends upon the potency of the anti serum. The neutralizing index for anti serum to *V. russelli* was 2.9 and for *O. scutellatus* 0.6"

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